

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Steven Y. Kau
Kenji MIKAMI	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/765,398	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2551
Filed: January 28, 2004	)	
	:	November 21, 2008
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Official Action, dated July 21, 2008, entering a final rejection in the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination with this Preliminary Amendment.

In response to the Official Action, the Examiner is requested to amend the application, as follows.